(d) the countries likely to be benefited on completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Two meetings have been held in December, 1988 and April, 1991. It has been agreed to work for a project definition report for Pancheshwar Project and complete additional studies for Karnali Project. It has been also agreed that embankments at border on river Kamla, Bagmati, Lai Bakaiya and Khando can be extended in two countries.

(b) to(d). India has given outline of two projects - Kosi High Dam Project and Tipaimukh High Dam Project for assistance under Global Infrastructure Fund of Japan. Nepal and India will get benefit form Kosi Project and India and Bangladesh from Tipaimukh Project.

[*English*]

Meeting of Global Infrastructure Foundation of Water Resources Projects

2439. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first International Planning Meeting of the Global Infrastructure Foundation to discuss Global Infrastructure Water Resources Projects was held at Georgia, United State from October 17-20, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details fo the water resources projects proposed by India therein?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The first International Congress of Global Infrastructure Foundation was held at Atlanta, Georgia,USA from 17-20 October, 1991.

(b) The two projects proposed are the Kosi High Dam Project and Barak Dam Project (also know as Tipaimukh Dam Project).

The Kosi High Dam Project envisages construction of a 269 meter high dam across the river Kosi approximately 1.6 km upstream of Barakshetra and a barrage 8 km downstream of dam near Chatra village in Nepal. The project will provide hydro-power, irrigation and flood control benefits to both India and Nepal. Estimated cost f the project at 1981 price level in Rs. 4074 crores.

The Barak Dam Project envisages construction of 161 m. high 390 m. long rockfill dam on the river Barak and a barrage near Fulertal about 100 kms. downstream of Tipaimukh Dam. The project would significantly reduce flooding and drainage problem in the downstream low-lying areas of India and Bangladesh. At 1988 price level, the Barak dam and the barrage near Fulertal are expected to cost rupees 1316 crores and 270 crores respectively.

[*Translation*]

Fire in Oil Wells in Gujarat

2440. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:
SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire in the oil wells in Gandhar Village of district Bharouch in Gujarat has since been extinguished;

(b) if so, the total loss caused by the fire and the total expenditure incurred extinguishing the fire; and